From: Walters, Donn

To: <u>Miller, Garyg; Meyer, John; Sanchez, Carlos</u>

Subject: RE: San Jacinto Update for XA

Date: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 10:06:02 AM

Ok, thanks Gary.

From: Miller, Garyg

Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 10:02 AM

To: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>; Sanchez, Carlos <sanchez.carlos@epa.gov>; Walters,

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See revised update.

Thanks.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 6:38 AM

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Subject: Fwd: San Jacinto Update for XA

Pam's comments on the San Jac update. Mike, I didn't see if you were copied on her email last night.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Phillips, Pam" < phillips.pam@epa.gov>

Date: March 7, 2016 at 6:17:36 PM CST **To:** "Meyer, John" < <u>Meyer.John@epa.gov</u>> **Subject: RE: San Jacinto Update for XA**

Be sure to attach the pictures. Mike get Ed or Adam to help review first thing



Tuesday morning. my comments (are in parentheses) We need to send to XA, RA, DRA around 10 Tues morning

On March 4, 2016, EPA was notified by the Potentially Responsible Parties that a visual inspection (when? how did they report? why did the PRPs wait so long to report? how does EPA know that the PRPS aren't hiding something worse/ is this all the damage that was found?) of the cap at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site revealed additional (what do you mean additional areas where displaced from the cover? rock was the only cover at previous repair site. second repair needed in less than 3 months, how can public have confidence that the interim cap isn't starting to fall apart? what is EPA doing to make PRPs come up with an inspection process that finds problems when they occur?) areas where rock was displaced from the cover. This unscheduled inspection took advantage of the recent low tides (unexpectedly low tides caused by heavy north wind?), which exposed a majority of the eastern cell of the waste pits for visual inspection. Five small (approximately 1 foot by 3 foot at the largest) areas were observed with exposed geotextile. No waste material was exposed. (How do you know no waste material was exposed?)

On March 7, 2016, the EPA directed the PRPs to place additional rock over these areas and approved a plan to conduct this work under EPA oversight. (Weather permitting?) The PRPs are scheduled to conduct this work the week of March 7, 2016. (approximate time needed to repair? how will EPA know the repairs are completed appropriately? was anyone else invited to observe the work and/or will anyone else be observing the work? if you haven't invited anyone--invite TCEQ, Harris County and anyone else who has necessary H&S and may want to watch)

A full cap inspection will be conducted by EPA's Dive Team in early (definite date? can weather or water conditions effect the date?) April 2016. Following the inspection, sample devices will be placed by the divers to measure if any wastes are moving through the site cover.(how many devices? where will the devices be placed? Will analytical work be available by the community meeting? will dive report be ready by the community meeting? will dive members be at the community meeting to talk about what they did/found?) A community meeting is scheduled for late May 2016, to update the community on site activities and present the findings from the Corps of Engineers on potential final remedies for the site.(are you going to go down and brief Harris County or others before late May? why aren't you planning to go down and brief stakeholders on these repairs now?)

Sent from my iPad

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